HANDICAPPED SERPONS WORKING IN TAFCO

3502. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the handicapped persons of the Tannery and Foo wear Corporation of India Limited;

(b) whether the same were forwarded to State Government ;

(c) if so, the reaction of the State Government in the matter; and

(d) what further steps to be taken to help the handicapped persons immediately ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (d) A representation was received from a handicapped ex-employee of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited, Kanpur regarding his termination of his services. The representation was sent to the Bureau of Public Enterprises, Department of Heavy Industries which intimated that the matter is *sub-judice*.

CONDITION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDAL COMMISSION

3503. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 244 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether any condition such as economic condition or status of the persons belonging to Backward Classes has also been imposed with regard implementation of Mandal Commission Report and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the children of class I Officers of Central Government belonging to Backward Classes who have rendered the maximum of their service as N.G.O. and got promotion as Class I Officer at the fag end of their service are not entitled for reservation as a result of the condition imposed by Government and if so, what are the details of such condition and what are the reasons for excluding them ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The Government of India implemented reservation for OBCs on the 8th of September, 1993 in civil posts and services under Government of India subject to the exclusion of the "Creamy Layer" from the notified list of OBCs.

The criteria formulated on the basis of the report of the Expert Committee, are of a multiple nature as indicated below :—

(1) In the case of persons holding constitutional posts or belonging to the All India Services or State Services, Armed Forces and Employees of Public Sector Undertakings (after equivalence with Government Posts is determined), exclusion is on the basis of status.

(2) In regard to the agricultural land holders, exclusion is on the basis of extent of irrigated land holding in terms of the irrigated land as per the State Land Ceiling Laws.

(3) In all other cases, income/wealth test applies.

(b) The children of Class II officers who have been promoted to Class I before the age of 40 are excluded from the purview of reservations and are within the "Creamy Layer". The children of Class II officers who are not promoted to Class I even after the age of 40 would continue to get the benefit of reservation.

DRUG ABUSE AND USE OF ALCOHOL ETC.

3504. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the damage done by the hazards of drugs in our society;